

losses that have always gone uncompensated. We hear all of the various comments about the offender, but we very rarely hear about the individual who was the victim. Again I want to emphasize it is not my intention to minimize or to take away in any way the right of every person to a fair trial and all of the other accouterments that are necessary for human dignity. But I believe there comes a time when we have a right and a responsibility to protect society also. I would like to suggest also that I would like to ask those members of this body who serve on the Budget Committee to assess realistically the budget of the Crime Victims Reparation Board. If you feel that it is adequate, then I hope that you would communicate to the members of that Board your wish and your desire that they live within those bounds. Now it won't do any good, of course, to communicate to the criminal element that you wish they wouldn't go around knocking people on the head so they don't have to come before the Board and ask for compensation. I doubt that that is going to be heeded very much. But you could and you should tell the Board, live within this budget or else. But the Board has a problem when people come to them with what seems to be a reasonable request, if they decide that it ought to be funded, in good judgment they must try to fund it. At the present time this deficiency is something in the neighborhood of thirty-three, thirty-four or thirty-five thousand dollars and if this is not allowed, certain medical reimbursements will not be made to persons who have suffered at the hands of lawbreakers. I am not going to take a lot of your time. I know that again time is short. I am very concerned about the budget, about the entire spending problem we have here, about the revenue problem. I appreciate the fact that this is an attempt to override. I have not risen to override for a long while. I feel very deeply about this. I think that we ought to consider the fact that either we are going to be realistic or else let's just say we don't want the Crime Victims Reparation Board and let's abolish it. But if we have it and if we think the victims of the crime are entitled to a certain measure of consideration, then I think we ought to try to live up to the responsibility we have placed with the Victims Reparation Board. I ask for your support in my motion to override.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Before calling upon the next speaker, the Chair would like to recognize some guests of Senator Chronister. They are fifteen high school students from Dodge, Nebraska. They are from the Dodge Public High School. They are accompanied by Bill Koll, their teacher, and they are in the north balcony. Let's welcome them to the Legislature, please. For you students from Dodge,